

which has of course, its *raison d'être* 15 June 1916

If young people leave school at seventeen or eighteen without having become diligent & delighted readers it is tolerably certain that they will never become readers. This is what they will miss, to quote from the late Lord Acton's words of singular wisdom in reference to a list of 98 books for which we are waiting: —  
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I know there are lions in the way. The dead hand rules, perhaps must rule, in our great foundations. Scholarship again is more than a distinction. It makes for gentleness, tolerance, a wide modesty on to upon life; but perhaps in the future, scholarship will be aimed at for the few only a rudimentary knowledge of the classical languages for the general. But meanwhile our plea is, we think we have justified it by experiment, that many doors shall be opened to boys & girls until they are at least fourteen railways, the doors of good houses that they shall be introduced to no subject whatever through compendiums, abstracts, or selections. That as Kit ordained that little Isaac should know "what oxygen is" so we shall secure that the young people shall know what history is, what literature is, what science is, what life is, from the living books of those who know. We know it can be done because it has been done. We are doing it. The Co



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The Committee of the P. N. E. U. think believe that at  
this juncture of profound educational disturbance  
effort it would be well to form a <sup>body</sup> ~~League~~ of  
persons inclined to consider the advisability  
of promoting education on some <sup>such</sup> lines as I have  
indicated. The Hon. Secy. Sec. Mr. E. Franklin  
(50 Porchester Terrace W) will receive suggestions  
from names of persons who might be willing  
to join such a ~~League~~ body.

Further information & programmes etc of the P. N. E. U.  
may be had from the Sec (Mr. Amabile - Office)